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The Honorable Ernest Moniz
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Moniz,

Thank you for your efforts to improve and modernize our nation's energy infrastructure in response to the shale gas revolution and other factors. A key part of that effort involves investment in liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facilities such as the proposed Cameron LNG Project in Louisiana. The Cameron LNG Project will be an economic boon to Cameron Parish, the State of Louisiana and the United States, creating over 3,000 high paying jobs.

In light of this, I am pleased that today the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) rejected the Sierra Club's request for rehearing of the Cameron project approval order issued by FERC on June 19, 2014. The Sierra Club rehearing request was filed late in violation of the mandatory 30-day deadline for filing rehearing requests under the Natural Gas Act and FERC regulations.


Due to an error on its part, Sierra Club is not entitled to a rehearing and also is barred from challenging FERC approval of Cameron LNG order in Federal court. This outcome seems particularly apt given that there is virtually no local support in Cameron Parish for the Sierra Club's efforts to kill the Cameron LNG project.

The only remaining regulatory hurdle for Cameron LNG is DOE's issuance of a final export permit. The importance of DOE's issuing a final export approval as soon as possible cannot be overstated. The longer that these permits take to be issued, the more difficult it will become for U.S. LNG terminals to enter the world market.

I strongly urge you to direct responsible DOE staff to issue a final export authorization to Cameron LNG as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu
Chair